



Civic Arts Commission  
Office of Economic Development

# MEETING MINUTES

## Civic Arts Commission Meeting

### Wednesday, July 27, 2022

### 6:00 PM

No physical location; meeting held exclusively through videoconference and teleconference.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:01 PM

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo.

**Commissioners Absent:** Bullwinkel.

**Staff Present:** Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead; Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer; Zoë Taleporos, Public Art Program Lead.

**Members of the public in attendance:** 6

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (for items not on the agenda)

1 speaker

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **June 22, 2022 Draft Minutes.**

**Action:** M/S/C (Blecher/Dhesi) to approve the June 22, 2022 Minutes.

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**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.

## **5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Civic Arts Commission retreat scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2022, 1 – 5 PM will be a virtual meeting.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

- a) **FY23 Individual Artist Projects grant funding recommendations, presented by Hilary Amnah and Grants Subcommittee**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Blecher/Anno) to approve the FY23 Individual Artist Projects grant funding recommendations.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.
  
- b) **FY23 Festivals grant funding recommendations, presented by Hilary Amnah and Grants Subcommittee**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Blecher/Anno) to approve the FY23 Festivals grant funding recommendations.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.
  
- c) **Homelessness Social Practice Project Plan, presented by Zoë Taleporos**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Ozol/Dhesi) to approve the Homelessness Social Practice Project Plan.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.
  
- d) **Aquatic Park Public Art Project Plan, presented by Zoë Taleporos**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Passmore/Anno) to approve the Aquatic Park Public Art Project Plan.

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**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.

e) **Mildred Howard sculpture Design Development, presented by Zoë Taleporos**

**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Passmore) to approve the Design Development phase of the sculpture by Mildred Howard.

**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.

f) **Presentation of plinth design for Queen Shamiram sculpture, presented by Zoë Taleporos**

**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Blecher) to approve a 10” plinth without a step for the Queen Shamiram sculpture.

**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.

g) **Marina Circle Public Art Update, presented by Zoë Taleporos** — No action taken.

h) **BART Plaza Home Sculpture Update, presented by Zoë Taleporos** — No action taken.

i) **Demographics of awarded Civic Arts Grants and Public Art commissions in Fiscal Year 2022, presented by Jennifer Lovvorn** — No action taken.

## **7. STAFF REPORT**

a) Jennifer Lovvorn provided Civic Arts Program updates.

b) Hilary Amnah provided Grants Program updates.

c) Zoë Taleporos provided Public Art Program updates.

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## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants — Grant subcommittee met on July 12, 2022 to review the FY23 grant award scenarios.
- Dana Blecher, Chair
  - Liz Ozol
  - Cameron Woo
- b) Policy — Policy subcommittee met on June 30, 2022 to discuss the inclusion of Artists Affordable Housing in the Housing Element.
- Kim Anno, Chair
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Modesto Covarrubias
- c) Public Art — Public Art subcommittee met on July 20, 2022 to discuss the items that were on this meeting’s agenda.
- Matt Passmore, Chair
  - Kim Anno
  - Dana Blecher
  - Riti Dhesi
- d) Representative on Berkeley Cultural Trust — No report.
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- e) Representative on Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee (BAESC) — BEARS Summer Arts program is ongoing, but encountering obstacles.
- Liz Ozol
- f) Representative on Design Review Committee — Design Review Committee met on July 21,

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2022 to review 2440 Shattuck.

- Cameron Woo

g) Representative on Ad-Hoc Artists Affordable Housing Committee — No report.

- Kim Anno

## 9. COMMUNICATION

a) Marketplace story “Programs pilot guaranteed income for artists” — No discussion.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT Adjourn 8:35 pm

**Action:** M/S/C (Covarrubias/Woo) to adjourn.

**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None;

Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.

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